Dewan.—It is proposed to recognise the Fourth Form in the St. Mary's L. G. S. School, Alwaye, from Edavom next, and if the school should satisfy the requirements of the Code, the higher Forms can also be opened later on.

The Member said that it would answer the purpose, but he added that the L. G. S. School should not be removed on that account.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

144. Grievances of the Ezhava community regarding Government appointments.

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan (Member, Nominated) said that, in spite of the persistent representations in previous sessions of the Assembly and the stringent orders issued by the late Dewan to give greater encouragement to the members of the community by entertaining them more largely in the public service, the Ezhavas were not, as a fact, receiving adequate representation in the Government departments with due regard to their number and their educational qualifications. During 1089, the number of appointments given to them was comparatively very few. The greatest objection to appointing the Ezhavas came from the Revenue Department. The Member failed to see why there should be any objection to appointments unconnected with the Devaswoms being given to the members of the community. In the Survey, Excise, P. W. D., Forest, Education and Police Departments also very little encouragement was given to them in the past year. In the T. I. C.'s, the Sanitary Department, and also the Secretariat, the community was not represented at all. In the Police Department, scrupulous care appeared to have been taken to keep out the Ezhavas as much as possible. Because, even though several Ezhavas of robust health applied and presented themselves for enrolment, they were first asked to wait and were eventually rejected. His fear was that the heads of departments were not loyally acting up to the liberal policy pursued by the Government of uplifting the communities that were educationally backward. He did not ask that men with no qualifications or with insufficient qualifications should be appointed against the rules over the heads of qualified men. But what he prayed was that, under present conditions, preference should be given to the Ezhava applicants, wherever qualifications and other conditions were equal. He therefore once again requested the earnest and sympathetic consideration of the Government in the matter.

Mr. S. Padmanabha Panikkar (Member, Nominated) said that the community was grateful to the Government for the encouragement that was being shown to it in the matter of appointments. He knew that several Ezhavas, though not qualified, had been appointed to places, which should be filled by qualified men. So far as the Education Department was concerned, his experience was that the community met with no difficulty in securing appointments as teachers, munshies, &c. But he regretted to have to say that, in regard to the Police Department, his experience had been the same as that of Mr. Kumaran Asan. He also knew of instances in which some men were refused admission on knowing that they belonged to the Ezhava community. He therefore requested that the necessary instructions should be issued to appoint the Ezhavas more freely in the several departments, more especially as peons in the Munsiffs' Courts.

The Member next said that there were several Native Vaidyans in the community, who had not passed out of the Ayurveda Patasala, but who were very capable in the art of treatment and were quite safe men. He prayed that such men should be given grants, suspending the rules, if necessary, for a period of five years.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

145. The desirability of freely admitting Mahomedans into the public service.

Mr. Hajee Ismail Hajee Hassan (Member, Nominated) expressed the thanks of his community for the educational and other concessions accorded to the

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